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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments set forth below and consideration of the remarks that follow.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicants submit proposed Figures 5-7 (appended hereto) for approval by the Examiner.

✓ The proposed drawings are submitted to comply with the Examiner's request to show all of the features of the claims. No new matter has been entered.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

✓ Please replace paragraph number [0004] with the following:

For example, some data is sent in a Time Division Multiplexing ("TDM") stream, meaning that multiple data streams have been combined into one data stream (**Figure 6**). A TDM stream, by itself, is not compatible with an Ethernet switch, which transports Ethernet frames across the backplane. Ordinarily, separate TDM-compatible hardware is needed to transport TDM data streams. Thus, at least two system infrastructures would be needed.